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**Cc:** Assunto, Carmen[Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov]; Press[Press@epa.gov]  
**From:** Gray, David  
**Sent:** Mon 8/17/2015 10:51:26 AM  
**Subject:** Re: questions from CNN

Good morning Elizabeth,

Here are answers to your questions.

1. This page also links to the data available.

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/press-releases-and-updates-gold-king-mine-response>

2. The Gold King Mine is releasing water at the rate of approximately 600 gallon per minute. Water is captured and treated at a system of pounds before being discharged to Cement Creek.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2015, at 5:36 AM, Cohen, Elizabeth <[Elizabeth.Cohen@turner.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Cohen@turner.com)> wrote:

Hello - Would you please answer these questions for us. Please send answers to each question as you get them - please do not wait to have both answers. Many thanks.

Elizabeth Cohen

1. We're trying to see the data tables for all of the sampling the EPA has done. (we're not interested in graphs or analysis - just the data tables you've been putting out on Excell spreadsheets). Are they all on this page?

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/data-gold-king-mine-response#datasets>

2. Is the spill still occurring, or has it stopped? If it stopped, when did it stopped? If it's still occurring, where is the effluent going?

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**From:** Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 7:09 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** Re: US EPA Region 6 Gulf King Mine - EPA Update

Happy to help. That should work fine.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2015, at 5:06 PM, Cohen, Elizabeth <[Elizabeth.Cohen@turner.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Cohen@turner.com)> wrote:

Thank you, David. I'll take a look at this data and get back to you and Carmen and the email address you supplied below with questions. Is there anyone else I should include? Many thanks.

Elizabeth

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**From:** Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 6:39 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Elizabeth; Assunto, Carmen  
**Subject:** RE: US EPA Region 6 Gulf King Mine - EPA Update

Hi Elizabeth,

Sorry – didn't release that you hadn't heard for the Unified Area Command.

A Unified Area Command has been established in Durango, CO. They have also stood up a Joint Information Center who can help with your questions at [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov) or 970-812-3351. An EPA agency-wide website has been set up at [www.epa.gov/goldkingmine](http://www.epa.gov/goldkingmine) to host information from the response in Colorado, New Mexico and Navajo Nation. We have also launched a toll-free citizen hotline at 844-607-9700 with English, Spanish and Navajo.

The latest data was released yesterday – this is the link:

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/epa-statement-colorado-data-gold-king-mine-release>

David

**From:** Cohen, Elizabeth [<mailto:Elizabeth.Cohen@turner.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:31 PM  
**To:** Assunto, Carmen  
**Cc:** Gray, David  
**Subject:** Re: US EPA Region 6 Gulf King Mine - EPA Update

Dear Carman and David,

I've reached out to EPA with questions several times this week and have received no response. I really hate to say on TV and online that the EPA has not provided responses. Could you please confirm receipt of this email and answer my questions below?

Many thanks.

Elizabeth

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**From:** Cohen, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:37 PM  
**To:** Assunto, Carmen  
**Cc:** Gray, David  
**Subject:** Re: US EPA Region 6 Gulf King Mine - EPA Update

Carmen and David,

Many thanks for this information.

We see the sampling results from Aug 5 and 6 here:

[http://epaosc.org/sites/11082/files/PreliminaryData\\_08092015.pdf](http://epaosc.org/sites/11082/files/PreliminaryData_08092015.pdf)

Could you please send a link to where to find the more recent results.

Best,

Elizabeth

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**From:** Assunto, Carmen <[Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov](mailto:Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:17 PM  
**Cc:** Gray, David  
**Subject:** US EPA Region 6 Gulf King Mine - EPA Update

### Gulf King Mine – EPA Update

For folks covering the Gold King mine incident, we wanted to pass along a recap of Administrator McCarthy's Colorado visit yesterday and what today looks like.

McCarthy started her day yesterday with a meeting with Colorado Gov. Hickenlooper and Sen. Bennett. Over the course of the day she also spoke with Sen. Udall, Rep. Tipton, and Rep. Kirkpatrick. She also met with Rep. Lujan and toured a water sampling facility in Farmington, NM.

McCarthy also attended a briefing at the Unified EPA Area Command, visited with staff, and hosted a press briefing yesterday afternoon.

Last night EPA released from Aug. 5-9, which shows that water quality for the Animas River from the Silverton, Colo. area to the Durango municipal water intake has returned to pre-event water quality levels.

Regarding irrigation, EPA issued a \$500,000 work assignment on Monday for the delivery of water for irrigation and livestock in New Mexico. This service was previously being provided by San Juan County, NM and we are making deliveries. We understand the importance of the irrigation systems and are providing data to local jurisdictions to make informed decisions.

EPA plans to continue to monitor, analyze and share data for downstream river segments as it becomes available.

Data, trends and map here:<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/epa-statement-colorado-data-gold-king-mine-release>

Today, McCarthy began her day with a meeting with Navajo Nation President Begaye and his leadership team. This included a tour through the Navajo Nation and survey of the San Juan River.

McCarthy will also visit the Farmington, NM Incident Command Center, host a press availability, meet with officials from the San Juan Water Commission, and visit the Aztec Emergency Response Center.

We are working on audio and a readout from the press availability for those who can't attend in person.

Hope this is helpful for your coverage.